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1. FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS HELD BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND THE USAID MISSION DIRECTOR WITH THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND FINANCE, THE MISSION DIRECTOR MET WITH THE MINISTERS OF HEALTH (OCTOBER 31), EDUCATION (NOVEMBER 1) AND AGRICULTURE (NOVEMBER 4). IN EACH CASE, A COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE WAS PROVIDED AND AN ORAL EXPLANATION GIVEN. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THESE MINISTERS WERE NOT ADVISED IN ADVANCE BY THEIR COLLEAGUES. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION, THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DIRECTLY SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED DESPITE THE FACT WE HAD SPECIFICALLY TOLD FOREIGN RELATIONS AND FINANCE WE WOULD BE SEEING THE OTHER MINISTERS.

2. THE REACTION OF THE HEALTH MINISTER WAS THAT THIS WAS A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIR IN WHICH HE HAD LITTLE INPUT AND THAT WE (HE AND THE USAID) SHOULD GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF NEGOTIATING THE FY 75 PROAGS.

3. THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THE NEW USAID NORMS ("MODALIDALES") OF FINANCING
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OUR PARTICIPATION AND ALSO WAS PREPARED TO COMMENCE

NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FY 75 GRANT PROGRAM.

4. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, LIKE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND FINANCE MINISTERS, MADE THE POINTS THAT (1) ECUADOR'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS WERE NOT SOLVED OVERNIGHT BY THE AVAILABILITY OF OIL RESOURCES AND THAT US TECHNICAL INPUT WAS STILL NEEDED, AND (2) THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO BE DERIVED FROM OIL WERE LIMITED AND SHOULD NOT BE EXAGGERATED IN TERMS OF DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. HOWEVER, HE, TOO, INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED TO NEGOTIATE THE FY 75 PROAGS.

5. A FURTHER MEETING IS PLANNED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 6 AND WILL BE REPORTES SEPARATELY.
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